Government as per the National Child Labour Project Scheme. It has been decided that the question of sanctioning additional projects would be considered only after the evaluation of the on-going projects, which is already on.

Accelerated Urban Water Supply

6113. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any communication from a Member of Parliament requesting that certain small towns which are to become municipalities in Cuddapeh District of Andhra Pradesh where water is a perennial problem be given special attention under the accelerated urban water supply scheme for small towns;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the names of other small towns in various districts of Andhra Pradesh which are being considered under the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir. Central assistance under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme is available only to urban bodies and not to small towns with less than 20,000 population, which are yet to be converted into urban bodies/municipalities.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has informed that in the State the Municipalities are constituted for towns with a population of 25,000 or more and the towns having population less than this are under the control of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Authority. Therefore, due to population criteria no town has become eligible for assistance under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme which is applicable to towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 census.

Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in November, 1996 has forwarded project proposals for Bhattiprolu town in Guntur District for consideration under AUWSP. This Ministry has already requested the State Govt. to forward the same through the State Level Selection Committee as per guidelines of the programme.

Crude Oil

6114. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of proper technique, the crude oil produced in the country, is sent to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of crude oil of such quality sent to other countries during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the Government have taken any action so far for refining such crude oil in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

IBM'S Participation in India Trade

6115. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Business Machinery has decided to rise its participation in Indian trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Two proposals for foreign investment by IBM World Trade Corporation USA have been received by Govt. The first proposal is for enhancement in the equity capital of an existing Joint Venture between Tata Industries Ltd. and associates and M/s. IBM World Trade Corporation, USA, for manufacturer of computer systems. The second proposal is for setting up of a joint venture company between by M/s. IBM World Trade Coporation New York and Tata Information Systems Ltd. in the area of information technology services.

(c) Government is yet to take a view on the proposals.

Refinery in Karnal

6116. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the proposed oil refinery located at Karnal (Haryana) is likely to be commissioned;

(b) the date which was fixed for its commissioning previously; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard and the steps being taken to expedite the work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) As against the original schedule of mechanical completion of April, 1997, the Refinery Project in Panipat District is now expected to be completed during the current year. The delay has occured mainly becuase of slippages in delivery of equipments and job execution by vendors.

A close follow-up is being maintained by IOC with the vendors on regular basis for expediting the delivery.